

Appl. No. 09/827,013  
Amdt. dated DECEMBER 1, 2003  
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 ~  
Expedited Procedure Examining Group

PATENT

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-71 and 83-89 are pending. Prior claims 72-82 were rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over the cited art. The rejected claims have been canceled to expedite prosecution of this application, and without prejudice against pursuing the subject in a subsequently filed application. Applicant's gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-71 and 83-89, and as all claims now pending in this application have been allowed, this application is now in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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